

Autism Services Unit Facts Sheet

<u>Autism Waiver</u>	<u>Autism Voucher</u>
<p>Eligibility: ASD diagnosis, determined by an Evaluation and Diagnostic Team, meeting the Vineland II criteria for Level of Care. Must be between the ages of birth and 8 years (birth through age 7.)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Family must have a household income of less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The child must be between the ages of 3 and 18 (3rd birthday through age 17) and have an Autism diagnosis from a qualified professional. Limit of \$12,500 per child with ASD served, per year.</p> <p>Federal Poverty Level Chart Link</p>
<p>Required Services: -The waiver requires the use of <u>Service Management</u> (based on the Level of Care need) starting at 2 hours per week to oversee and ensure that all services and supports in place are meeting the child's needs.</p> <p>-The Autism Waiver requires the child to participate in 12, 14, or 15 hours <i>per week</i> (based on the Level of Care need) of behavior-based <u>Skills Training</u> with a primary caregiver present.</p> <p>-The Skills Trainer must be overseen by a <u>Program Design and Monitoring Professional</u> (A PhD level, mental health or BCBA professional, who oversees the development and implementation of the behavior/skills plan)</p>	<p>Required Services: Once approved for the autism voucher, families will have six months to complete their approved purchase(s). If the funds have not been used within that timeframe, any remaining allotted funds will be re-released into the voucher pool for access by other families. If the voucher is used for ongoing services (e.g. Respite care) then those funds will remain in place for access until the limit amount is reached or the services have been inactive for six months.</p>

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<p>Optional/Available Services:</p> <p>-Respite care (self-directed or agency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 hrs /40 hrs / 60 hrs based upon the assessed support need as determined by the annual renewal of the Level of Care determination <p>-Assistive Technology is available for up to \$5000 over the life of the waiver (5 years). This will replace equipment and supplies as well as environmental modifications.</p>	<p>Optional/Available Services:</p> <p>-Respite Care</p> <p>-Assistive Technology</p> <p>-Transportation</p> <p>-Specialized Camps</p> <p>-Parent Training</p> <p>(note: It is under legislative direction that the voucher program will not cover behavioral interventions of any sort)</p>
<p>Timeframe for Accessibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dependent on entrance to waiver & services being arranged.	<p>Timeframe for Accessibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dependent on family initiative (application, submission of information, finding desired services)- 30 days from date of application submission for approval/denial from Autism Services.- ASD Voucher is currently a 1 year pilot program.

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Key Terms for the Autism Waiver

Amended ASD Waiver (New Autism Services Unit) | Past ASD Waiver (DD Unit)

Service Manager	DDPM (Developmental Disabilities Program Manager)
Autism Services Unit	DD Division
Skills Training	Intervention Coordination
Respite Care	In-Home Supports
Skills Trainers	Intervention Coordinators
State Autism Coordinator	Regional DD Program Administrators
Assistive Technology	Environmental Modification/Equipment and Supplies
Participant Service Plan	Person Centered Service Plan (PCSP)
Program Design and Monitoring	N/A
Program Design and Monitoring Professionals	N/A

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